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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 June 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 7-12 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 6/9/06.
- 4) Interview Summary (PTO-413).
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claims 7-12 are pending and rejected.

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on May 13, 2005 was correctly filed. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the IDS was considered by the Examiner. Please refer to Applicant's copy of PTO-1449, submitted herewith.

Obviousness Double Patenting

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially-created doctrine based in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. See *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and, *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) may be used to overcome the provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting. Registered attorneys or agents of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claim 7 and dependent claims **8-12** are provisionally rejected under the judicially-created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over: **Claim 7** and

dependent claims **8-12** of copending Application 10/582,419. The rejection is *provisional* since the conflicting claims are not patented.

Basis for Rejection:

The instant invention is narrower in scope than the conflicting invention. Both inventions disclose a process of synthesizing compounds and pharmaceutically acceptable salts of formula (I),

formula (III) of the instant invention limits R' (corresponding to formula IV of the conflicting invention) to *ethyl pentanoate*. However, R' in the conflicting invention is a *protecting group for the amino function*.

There are differences between the instant and conflicting inventions. The conflicting invention is slightly broader than the instant invention. The instant invention is optimized as compared to the conflicting invention, achieved through routine experimentation. Motivation for optimization derives from the scientists' desire to improve what is known. Significant overlap exists between the instant and conflicting inventions, and the differences in scope are not patentably distinct.

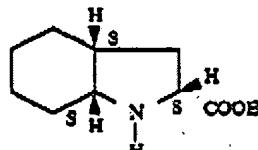
Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless -

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

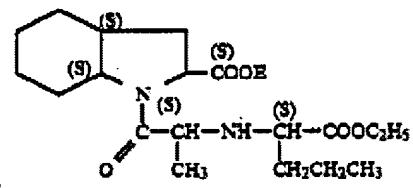
Claims 7, 8, 9, and 11 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,914,214, issued April 3, 1990. Claim 1 of the '214 patent anticipates the instant Claim 7, when drawn to formula (IIa).



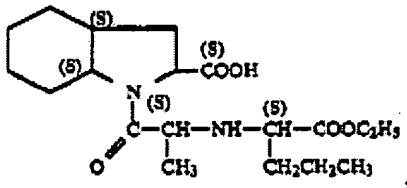
'214 Patent: In Claim 1, a compound of formula (IX), , wherein E is lower alkyl or benzyl (E = benzyl: see col. 8, lines 35-36), is condensed with a compound of

formula (VI),
, "in an alkaline medium in the presence of a catalyst for peptide synthesis such as dicyclohexylcarbodiimide in the presence of

1-hydroxybenzotriazole," to yield the compound of formula (X),



which is deprotected, resulting in the compound of formula (I),



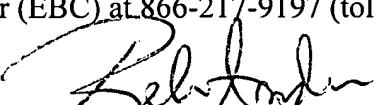
which is converted into the tert-butylamine salt. Claims 2 to 5 narrow Claim 1 by specifying the protecting groups used, as well as more specific methods of hydrogenation, including palladium catalysis.

There is no art relating to the use of (IIb), claimed in the instant Application. Therefore, Claims 10 and 12 are not included in this rejection.

Telephone Inquiry

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael P. Barker whose telephone number is (571) 272-4341. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM- 5:00 PM. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Joseph K. McKane, can be reached at (571) 272-0699. The unofficial fax phone for this group are (571) 273-8300.

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